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Peiping Isolated By Communists COMMUNICATIONS WITH TIENTSIN CUT

Two Airfields Closed

Peiping, Dec. 15.—Chinese Communists completed the isolation of Peiping on Tuesday. They cut the railway to the sea after the Government itself closed the city's airfields.

Authorities disclosed that all traffic to Tientsin was cut when the Reds attacked and destroyed sections of the railway near Langfang, 30 miles South-east of Peiping. Repair gangs were proceeding to the scene, but authorities were in the dark over the number of Communists operating in the area. The railway often has been cut by guerilla raids.

Peiping was on Tuesday isolated with Communist armies almost knocking at her walls. Authorities closed the South airfield, the last airlink with the outside world. The city's West airfield was closed on Monday. Nationalist ground troops were reported looting the West field on Tuesday.

Resignation Of Chiang Rumours

Washington, Dec. 14.—Madame Chiang Kai-shek could not be contacted at the country home of Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, near here today as reports of her husband's resignation as the President of China circulated.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman said Madame Chiang knew of these reports and had been in contact with Nanking. He refused any other information.

The spokesman, referring to suggestions that she was acting as a "go-between" in the American attempt to persuade the Nanking Government to reach an agreement with the advancing Communists, said Madame Chiang had not seen or spoken to any American officials since her meeting last Friday with President Truman.

He said she would probably stay here for at least another week but her movements after that were still uncertain.—Reuter.

Passenger traffic was halted on the Peiping-Tientsin railway, the only land line to the outside which the Communists do not control. This action was taken owing to troop movement.

The closing of Peiping's two airfields was not readily explained. Well informed sources said that General Chow Jih-jou, head of the Chinese Air Force, ordered planes to withdraw without consulting General Fu Tso-yi, Nationalist Commander of the Northern Front.

(Associated Press correspondents reported that 103 Nationalist planes from Peiping had arrived at Tientsin where American Marines are based and an equal number at crowded airfields around Nanking.) The withdrawal deprived Gen. Fu of air support at a most critical time. All signs indicated that the days of Nationalist rule in Peiping were about ended.—Associated Press.

INCREASINGLY PRECARIOUS

Tientsin, Dec. 14.—The situation around Peiping is growing increasingly precarious with military trucks, troops, supplies congesting the streets and with refugees streaming into the ancient capital while the authorities are preparing for a siege as railway traffic along all the four lines were suspended.

The Peiping-Tientsin railway was demolished between Langfang and Wanchuang, 63 and 74 kilometres respectively from Peiping, with 20 explosions occurring early this morning. A repair train was unable to reach the scene of the demolition and had to turn back at Wanchuang, 44 kilometres from Peiping, owing to the approaching Red troops, who promptly attacked Wanchuang.

Similarly, fighting has occurred between Peiping and Fengtai, the southern approach to the ancient capital, 10 kilometres away. Later in the morning groups of Communists appeared four miles outside Kwangnanmen, a southwestern suburb of Peiping, and heavy gunfire was again audible in the city. The Mayor, Mr. Liu Yao-chang, told pressmen today that General Fu Tso-yi last night received the Governor of Hebei, Mr. Chu Shichun, the Chairman of the Peiping City Council, Mr. Hsu Hwei-tung, and himself and through them urged patience among the population, assuring them that food and coal were sufficient for several months.

TEMPORARY HOSPITALS

Temporary hospitals were being contemplated and first aid camps were being organized.

The points where fighting occurred today in Peiping's western suburb include Papashan, close to the Marco Polo bridge where the China Incident originated in 1937, and Metokuo, where British-owned mines are located.

Pro-Government reports indicate that the Nationalists stationed in Lutai have already joined the defenders of Hsishou, only 40 kilometres from Tientsin.

The Hanku Operational Headquarters is expected to be evacuated. This will drastically reduce the territory held by the Nationalists in North China, which is limited by a straight line from Peiping, through Tientsin, down to Tangku Harbour. The evacuation of Lutai was undertaken following the appearance of Communist forces behind the Nationalist troops in the vicinity of Chating, 30 kilometres from Tientsin, where fighting has occurred, in order to clear a path for the latest withdrawal.

RAILWAY VULNERABLE

With the Communists based at Yutien, directly northward, and at Lutai, the whole railway stretch beyond Tangku is vulnerable to the Communist thrusts and to disruption, which might result in the isolation of General Chu Chai-yo's forces who had taken Lutai immediately after leaving Tangshan.

Meanwhile, General Fu Tso-yi's headquarters in Peiping has been removed from the western suburb inside the capital following the Communist advance.

Simultaneously, communications with the new front line at Lutai, midway between Tangku Harbour and Tangshan, ceased and the latest reports indicate that the Nationalists have evacuated their positions there.

The Tientsin Garrison Headquarters is advancing the curfew from midnight to 8 p.m. while the Garrison Commander, General Chen Chang-chih, issued a statement after a day of wild rumours, including the war and discrediting the rumours from falling victims to the Communist propaganda offensive in the Nationalist rear and the accompanying whispering campaign. He urged "calmness" during the present critical situation.—Reuter.

Eskimo In Hollywood



Quinna, believed to be the first Eskimo girl ever to be brought to Hollywood for a movie role, is greeted in California style in San Francisco by shapely Roberta Tidland. She is going to Hollywood to play in "Arctic Manhunt"—AP Picture.

PRINCE CHARLES OF EDINBURGH

Royal Baby's Names Are Announced

London, Dec. 14.—Princess Elizabeth's son will be known as Prince Charles of Edinburgh, it was officially announced tonight from Buckingham Palace. The child will be christened with the full names Charles Philip Arthur George.

The christening will take place at Buckingham Palace at 3.30 tomorrow afternoon. The Archbishop of Canterbury will officiate at the christening.

HKCC TENANCY TERMINATED

AFTER 97 YEARS

The Telegraph learns that a letter has been received by the Hongkong Cricket Club from the Colonial Secretary terminating the tenancy of the ground which the club has held since June, 1851.

Members of the Cricket Club have been circumscribed and a special meeting has been called for Monday, December 20, at 5.30 p.m.

It is not known for what purpose the ground is required by Government, but it is understood that the Governor will make reference to the subject at this afternoon's Legislative Council meeting.

Prince Charles' sponsors, will be the King, Queen Mary, Princess Margaret, the King of Norway, Prince George of Greece, the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven, Lady Brabourne and the Honourable David Bowes-Lyon.

The infant Prince is second in succession to the Throne. The last King of England to be called Charles was King Charles the Second, who reigned from 1649 to 1685.

The King of Norway and Prince George of Greece will not be present at the christening tomorrow. They are not in Britain and others will stand sponsor for them.

Court correspondent, Louis Wulff, reported that Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh chose the old Royal name of Charles for their son. Charles will be the family name of the baby Prince. The name Charles is also the family name of King Haakon of Norway the baby's great-grand uncle. He was known as Prince Charles of Denmark until he accepted the throne of Norway on November 18, 1905.

FATHER'S NAME

Philip, the baby's second name, is that of his father, who has only one Christian name, Arthur, is the third of the four names of King George, which are Albert, Frederick, Arthur and George. It is also the name of the first Duke of Connaught, son of Queen Victoria, of his son Prince Arthur of Connaught, and of his grandson, the second Duke of Connaught, who died in April, 1943, aged 28.

The Court correspondent said that Princess Elizabeth and her husband chose Charles "for personal and private reasons." For all the eight sponsors are related to the baby.

In giving their baby four names, the Princess and the Duke have followed recent custom in the Royal Family. Princess Elizabeth has three names, Elizabeth Alexandra Mary.

The christening cake for the baby was brought to Buckingham Palace tonight and placed in one of the State rooms where the reception will be held after the ceremony. The silver gilt font used at the christening of Queen Victoria's children was also brought today from Windsor Castle to the Palace.—Reuter.



Friedrich Ebert (above), 64, the namesake son of the first Weimar Republic president of Germany, is the newly-elected mayor of the Berlin rump government set up by the Communists in the Soviet zone of the city. A hand-picked convention held in a musical comedy theatre in the Soviet zone split the city wide open by naming the government.—AP Picture.

U.S. Woman On Murder Charge

Hamburg, Dec. 14.—A young American woman, fighting for her life in court, accused of the murder of her soldier husband, lost her battle for a trial by jury in a U.S. Military Court today.

Pale and nervous, 22-year-old Mrs. Wilma Ybarbo, of Malden Massachusetts, was told she had "left the constitution behind" when she came to occupied Germany. Overruling her attorney's challenge of its constitutionality, and their demand for trial by jury under the U.S. constitution, the three judge court declared she was now subject to the military law of the occupied zone.

For the first time, therefore, an American woman will be tried for a capital offence under occupation law.

Witnesses will begin the story tomorrow of what happened the night of September 21, when Sergeant John Ybarbo of Gollard Texas was shot just outside the Ybarbo bedroom where his six-year-old son was sleeping.

PARTY QUARREL. Principal witnesses will be three American soldiers and two German girls, guests at a party in the Ybarbo home. They have told of a quarrel between Mrs. Ybarbo and her husband, who won the silver cross in World War II. (Continued on Page 5)

Peace Rumours Fly In Shanghai

GOLD YUAN BECOMES FIRMER ON THE BLACK MARKET

Shanghai, Dec. 14.—Strong peace rumours swept Shanghai today touching off a wave of wild transactions. The Gold Yuan, which was quoted yesterday in black market dealings at 70 to 75 to the US dollar, firmed rapidly to 60 or 65.

The blackmarket price for gold dropped from \$3,500 Gold Yuan per ounce to \$3,200. Speculators interpreted ECA Administrator Paul G. Hoffman's remarks as meaning that the United States is backing a drive for a coalition government in Nanking.

The rumours went so far as to suggest that secret peace talks between the Nationalist government and the Chinese Communists already have started and that the civil war may end shortly. Chinese readers eagerly read all published versions of Mr. Hoffman's remarks and most of them reached the conclusion that the United States intended to give assistance to end the civil war in China.

"PURE FANTASY"

There were some rumours that President Chiang Kai-shek has agreed to resign and leave the country, but these received no credence in informed quarters. Another persistent rumour was that the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, has already been in contact with the American State Department through his representative in China. This report said that Mr. Mao pledged that the Communists would be willing to share in a coalition government and would renounce all connections with Russian Communism. If this step should be taken.

While this report was reported as pure fantasy by most of the well-informed sources here, one competent Chinese authority expressed the opinion that the Nationalist office is certainly would be interested in Mr. Hoffman's statement as a spur toward possible coalition government.

"It seems likely," this source said, "that Mr. Hoffman's remarks will be in his conference will be interpreted by the Nationalist leaders as meaning that the United States is determined to force a coalition regime which would eliminate the so-called corrupt elements of the present government and establish a truly representative government in which the Communist would participate."—United Press.

REPORTS DENIED

Washington, Dec. 14.—The American State Department today denied

reports that the United States was urging the formation of a Coalition Government of Nationalists and Communists in China. Asked if the United States were putting pressure on the Nanking Government or on Madame Chiang Kai-shek in Washington to form a Coalition, Mr. McDermott, State Department spokesman, said: "I have no reason to believe that our people in Nanking are pressing the Generalissimo and I believe those reports are false."

"I do not know what Madame Chiang Kai-shek has asked for nor whether she has been told."

"There has been no change in the policy of this Government on aid to China," Mr. McDermott stated.—Reuter.

Something Like Hongkong

Torquay, Dec. 14.—Mrs. M.L. Andrews advertised a house for rent. A few minutes after the paper appeared on the streets the first (and successful) applicant arrived by taxi—followed by 99 others, right up to midnight. Two telegrams came. Next day the mailman staggered up with 999 letters. Said Mrs. Andrews appalled: "I'm afraid to answer the door."

WHIRLWIND HITS GRANTHAM

Grantham, Lincolnshire, Dec. 14.—Today's whirlwind hit the south end of the town, toppling garages from their foundations, lifting roofs off of huts and flattening gardens. One roof was flung about 150 yards. Residents said that they heard a "terrible roar" during the "torrential downpour" as the wind passed by.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

It Doesn't Make Sense

THE illogicality of the Powers That Be in Hongkong continues to pass all understanding. A typical example has been provided this week by two advertisements inviting applicants for certain jobs in Government service. One calls for technical officers and the other for stenographers. The Royal Observatory, Qualifications (for the TOs): a sound knowledge of English and a minimum of three years meteorological or technical experience. Basic salary \$400 a month for the first three years, rising to \$800 a month after 15 years' service. Qualifications for the stenographers: not lower than the standard of Intermediate Science, or its equivalent. Starting salary \$250 a month rising to \$350 at the end of five years. The second advertisement was for Women Confidential Assistants. Qualifications: some years of previous office experience; able to take shorthand at 120 words a minute and able to type at 45 words a minute. Starting basic salary \$420 a month for two years on probation, then rising from \$480 to \$560 in five years. Other inducements include leave and pension privileges, and if the fortunate applicants are Expatriate officers, they will be provided with quarters in a Government hostel. None of these requirements, be it noted, is mentioned in the advertisement for the Royal Observatory Technical officers. But what if it is to be said that a man, who first has to possess three years' special technical experience which can only be gained after he has finished his ordinary schooling, must be earning less than a

stenographer, and he cannot reach his maximum basic salary until he has 10 years' service to his credit. As for the Assistant Technical Officer he cannot earn even the stenographer's probation salary until he has completed five years of service. We do not know who is responsible for assessing in terms of emoluments the relative importance to efficient public service of technical officers in the Royal Observatory and confidential women assistants who can type, take shorthand and maintain a filing system, but whoever it is, he seems to possess little sense of proportion. And whether, after studying the relative terms of employment would-be applicants for technical and assistant technical officers, the Observatory will not change their minds and take up office work is something we would not like to bet on. Our own inclination would be to spend those three years required for special technical training in an office where we could easily bring our shorthand up to 150 words a minute, if needed, and our typing to 50 wpm, and get in on the ground floor for one of these confidential assistants' jobs which not only offer a better salary, but advantages such as leave, pension and quarters. Fifteen years is a long time to wait in order to be able to earn about \$250 a month more than a stenographer, who has only to keep her shorthand up to 120 words a minute, her typing up to 45 words per minute, and her mouth shut. The fact is that to wait in terms of emoluments for the positions quoted above just doesn't make sense.

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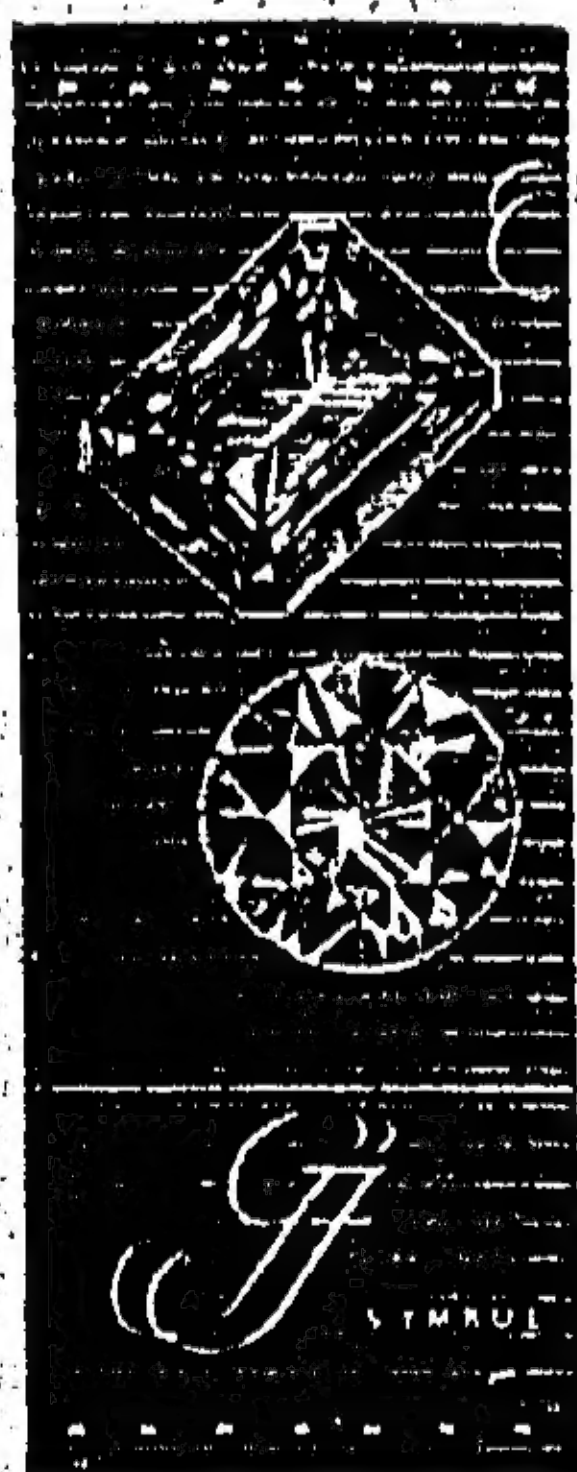
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HAVING A BABY... THE QUESTION YOU HEAR SO OFTEN ASKED:

'Is it better in America?'

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

ULTRA-MODERN maternity homes with private wards like luxury hotel suites and a "painless childbirth or money back" guarantee are open in America to women with husbands rich enough to afford the fantastic fees.

But broader issues must settle the question of whether or not the U.S. offers its womenfolk in general a safer and more satisfying maternity service than Britain does.

There are two facts which to my mind are overriding in this argument:

1 Like most women in Britain most American women have their children at home with the family doctor in attendance, and with little or no artificial relief from pain.

2 The methods of dulling birth pains used in the U.S. hospitals and nursing homes are regarded by leading British authorities as highly experimental and unnecessarily dangerous.

It is temptingly easy to label our doctors too conservative, too cautious. But their objections to the American methods are based on sound principles.

What you must remember, they say, is that in childbirth two lives are involved, and our main task is to make it safe rather than comfortable.

Two methods

THE pain-killing methods in widest use in America are general anaesthesia, in which the patient remains completely unconscious throughout the baby's birth, and a form of local anaesthesia produced by an injection into the spine.

There is strong evidence that both methods are causing many unnecessary deaths both for mothers and babies, for they make it so difficult for the mother to co-operate naturally in the birth of the child that the doctors have to use instruments.

This is believed to be the main cause of the dangerous post-natal infections which kill thousands of American mothers every year.

For this reason British doctors avoid the use of instruments as far as possible.

Some of the drugs used to produce anaesthesia can cause the baby to be born in a semi-drugged state which may be highly dangerous during the first few critical hours of life.

Many British doctors would condemn the U.S. methods on psychological grounds alone because they turn a healthy and natural process into what is practically a surgical operation.

One group, led by Dr Grantly Dick Read, has shown that, by careful ante-natal training, childbirth can be made almost completely painless without any help from sedatives. He believes—and few doctors dispute his claims—that the physical pain of childbirth is largely due to fear.

Brought up in the belief that she faces an agonising ordeal, the mother fights against the birth of her baby instead of helping it. Intense pain is the result.

By teaching expectant mothers that childbirth was not meant to be painful, and by training them in special methods of "breathing" and relaxation, Dr. Read has shown that naturally painless labour is possible.

Women's fear

BUT for two reasons his methods cannot be generally applied.

First, some women can never overcome their fear, however much they try. In a recent U.S. test on 156 women 20 per cent. got no relief from the Read method.

Second, only specially trained and specially patient doctors can carry it through successfully—and in Britain about 10 per cent. of all mothers have only a midwife to help them.

The ideal practical method clearly lies between the two extremes of the Read system and the American system of anaesthesia. What many mothers do not realise is that exactly such a method exists in a form which should be readily available to them all. It is the system called gas-air analgesia by which the mother, though conscious enough to hear the doctor's advice, can get relief from pain by turning a handle on a portable machine. Through its use thousands of women have had practically painless childbirth.

Millions more could have had it if the machines, available to practically every hospital, and to many midwives, were only used.

Too often excuse is made of the fact that the pain of childbirth is rarely dangerous in order to avoid bothering with the machine at all.

My investigations have convinced me that, though the nursing and midwife shortages make things difficult, satisfactory relief from the pain of childbirth could be every mother's right if only the authorities would bestir themselves.

Can Women Avoid Third World War?

Bromley, Kent, England.—Dr Edith Summerskill, parliamentary secretary to the food ministry, gave a woman's viewpoint on how to avoid a third world war. She told a women's conference here, if women had the handling of affairs, all weapons would be "prohibited" with the exception of the tongue.

Around The Town

—with Mercia Hillaly

I SAW dozens of little elves at the Helena May Institute yesterday squatting on the dining room floor, in company with Robin Hood's merry men and several maidens with their lovely hair let loose.

They told me they were putting up a show tomorrow to coincide with the Peak School prize day (but that was only incidental, of course).

Some were appearing in the "Elves and the Shoemaker" and others in "Robin Hood and the Potter." Class 3 also performs with tambourines and drums, beating time to the music for "Overheard on a Saltmarsh." About 90 pupils are taking part.

School breaks up on Saturday morning, the headmistress told me.

Miss Diana Kan is giving an exhibition of her paintings at the Hotel Riveira in Macao tomorrow to Saturday. The Governor of Macao will open the exhibition.

Miss Kan left early this week to be in time for the opening ceremony.

At the Chinese YMCA on Friday, a bazaar will be held for the benefit of Chinese refugee and destitute children.

Many of the articles to be sold are donations from America for the children, such as blankets and knitted goods, but as the gifts are difficult to send to the interior they will be sold and the money used to buy food.

Hongkong ladies are also contributing goods and cakes for tea. There will be Chinese folk dances and songs, games and lots of fun for all.

The bazaar has been organised by Mrs Herman Liu, who is well-known in connection with child welfare work.

Another Sino-British Club literary gathering was made possible on Monday, with a programme arranged by Mr A. E. Luff. Members came together to listen to poetry readings. Included some of the best works of Milton, Chaucer, Wordsworth, Burns, Byron and several minor moderns.

No background to the poets was given by Mr Luff in his introduction. He said the object of the meeting was "to tune our ears to the sound of language, the choice of words."

It was suggested after the meeting that at some future date, members be asked to give their own interpretations and read poetry they have themselves enjoyed.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks from Mr Robert Bruce.

The paintings of Leo Byng, Yee Bon and Luis Chan will be on view today and for two days in succession at the Hotel Cecil. There are about 60 paintings in oil and water colour. All three artists are well-known in Hongkong.

Government House will be the scene on Friday night of a big ball, to which a large number of the younger set have been invited.

The ballroom has been redecorated for the occasion. This is the first really big function since the garden party.

To several of the guests the invitations came as a surprise, and this will possibly be their first visit to Government House.

Large Doses Are Useless

CHICAGO—People who take large doses of vitamin E to give them extra pep and energy are only wasting their time, according to a Northwestern University scientist.

Dr Theodore E. Friedemann, associate professor of physiology, said that the vitamin might be a potent energy builder if the body would absorb enough of it.

But no laboratory tests revealed that doses of more than two ten-thousandths of an ounce—about 1/65th of an aspirin tablet—are largely wasted.

The body won't take any more than that, he reported. Furthermore, the tests indicated that if the vitamin is taken constantly over a period of time, the body sometimes becomes allergic to it.

Friedemann said it made virtually no difference, whether the vitamin was taken by mouth or through the veins.

Take Good Care of Your Eyes



Nice eyes need a pretty frame and a few strokes with an eyebrow pencil serves to emphasise their beauty.

By HELEN FOLLETT

DO you know that the best way to wrinkle-proof the tissues around your eyes is to avoid eye strain? It is a fact. You can call those little crinkles turkey tracks or laughing lines, but they are always hateful.

We can overlook many faults of feature if a woman has beautiful eyes. They give the face its emotional power, and therefore its chief claim to personality. No true words were ever spoken than "The eyes are the windows of the soul." It happens that the window frames are also important. When you are massaging your complexion at bed time, give special attention to this facial area. Smooth the upper lid outward. Do several circles at the temples and on the flesh just in front of the ears.

When the eyes are healthy they are a self-lubricating, automatic self-washing, four-wheel-brake instrument of precision. If they are not abused by reading in a dim light, they take fairly good care of themselves.

Every time the upper lid moves some of the oil from the glands is carried over the corneal surface, keeping it in good condition. When danger threatens at the approach of an insect or some visible foreign particle, the four-wheel brake in existence can equal the lids' efficiency in protecting the eye.

While colour and shape cannot be changed, the eyes can be dramatised by darkening the upper lashes with mascara which, of course, should be carefully washed away at bedtime. Correct shaping of the eyebrows is the finishing touch.



Let's Eat

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Fast-Service Restaurant

AMONG the crowds of people thronging towards New York's Radio City, many stopped before the huge window of a new restaurant to watch the show. The star performer was a young man in a chef's costume standing in an open stainless steel kitchen, neatly breaking eggs into a bowl with one hand, and with the other flipping griddle cakes on a stainless steel griddle.

"You see Madame," observed the Chef, "in spite of all the grand theatre here in New York City, food remains the supreme attraction."

Inside the restaurant, waiters could be seen scurrying about with sizzling hot platters and desserts of enormous size.

"Let's go in and see this latest development in midtown Manhattan," I suggested.

"But Madame, this is a hurry-up place where everything moves fast."

"I know, Chef. But this streamlined, fast-service restaurant will furnish a startling contrast to the leisurely foods we've reviewed this week."

The open kitchen took up almost one whole side of the big room, with ranges, broilers, grills, waffle makers and shining utensils. There was a street level, a drop floor level and a mezzanine, giving the effect of three floors. The decorations of flowers and vines with fluorescent lighting, were really glamorous.

"People come here from all over the United States," remarked the head waiter. "We cook everything to order. Our customers like good food in pleasant surroundings."

"But why are they in such a hurry?" remarked the Chef.

The waiter laughed. "That's the American spirit. Most of our guests are visitors to the city, and they want to get in as much as possible while they're here. However, anyone is welcome to eat at leisure; that is the spirit of hospitality here at the Virginian," he added, putting down a generous basketful of southern hot breads—piping hot corn cakes, clover leaf rolls and raisin muffins.

"This is a good tip for our home-makers," I remarked. "Any group of dinner guests would appreciate a big basketful of home-made hot breads. And I see a number of salad specialties on the menu our readers could serve at home."

Individual Skillsets
"Many of the people here are eating right from the individual skillsets," remarked the Chef. "This service is fine for omelettes, ham and eggs, and the egg scrambles. Our readers could serve a large sizzling platter of broiled chicken, liver, curlicue potatoes and French fried onion. Or perhaps ham steak Hawaiian with pineapple and plums on top."

The desserts were fabulous. There was a skyscraper lemon meringue pie, with a four-inch meringue topping. And the apricot cream pie was so colourfully topped with fruit it looked like a jewel. The recipe is given below.

We were invited to visit the food preparation rooms. There, in charge of the entire operation we found a young American.

"Where did you get your training in food administration?" I asked.

"In the Army at the Officers and Cooks School at Fort Sills, Oklahoma," he said. "I took every course that was available. Ma'm. You sure can get knowledge if you want it."

Dinner
Grape Fruit Juice
Western Ham and Egg Scramble
Curlicue Potatoes
French Fried Onions
Tossed Green Salad
Apricot Cream Pie
Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Western Ham and Egg Scramble
Melt 2 tbsp. butter or margarine in a heavy 9 in. frying pan. Add 1/4 cup finely-chopped green pepper, 1/8 cup sliced onion and 1/4 c. diced cooked or tenderised raw ham. Slow-fry about 3 min. Do not let the fat or vegetables brown. Add 3 tbsp. top cream or undiluted evaporated milk, 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 cup pepper. In a separate bowl beat 5 eggs light. Add the ham mixture. Then wipe out the frying pan with a piece of absorbent paper; in it melt 1/4 tsp. butter or margarine. Pour in the egg mixture. Slow-fry until beginning to brown all through. Then swirl it around with a fork to make an interesting looking design and to allow the uncooked egg to run down and thicken. Garnish at one end with curlicue potatoes; heap French fried onions opposite.

Curlicue Potatoes
These are made from raw, peeled white potatoes cut in curlicue strips by means of a special cutter used by restaurants. However, for home preparation, a good facsimile can be made by slicing the raw potato round and round into narrow, short, curly strips just as you used to peel the skin from apples, when playing Halloween games. Remember? Rinse the potato in cold water; drain on absorbent paper. Melt time put vegetable fat in a heavy kettle to the depth of 3 in. and heat. When it browns a bit of bread in 1 min. drop in the potato. Fry golden brown. Drain on crumpled paper and dust with salt. Or serve old-fashioned French fried potatoes. After all, they taste just as good!

Apricot Cream Pie
Prepare piecrust home-made or from a mix, and line a deep 9 in. pie plate with it. Dust the crust on the edge of the plate. Thickly with fine-chopped almonds, walnuts or pecans, and with a fork press into the crust. Prick the crust on the bottom in several places to make it lie even when baked. Bake 12 min. in a hot oven, 425 F. Half fill with a soft, thick-cooked cream filling, home-made or made with a prepared dessert pudding mix according to directions on the package. Cover with a layer of jelly or sponge cake cut in thin slices, or use vanilla wafers. Cover this in turn, with a symmetrical design of canned halved apricots, rounded side up. And over the apricots, for a grand finale, pour a red jelly glaze. Chill at least 1 hr. before serving.

Trick Of The Chef
To make red jelly glaze, put 1/2 cup bright red fruit jelly in a small saucepan. Add 1 cup juice from canned apricots, and cook and stir until the jelly melts. Then pour over the pie and chill.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



CELEBRATING OCTOBER REVOLUTION—With bayonets fixed, these Russian infantrymen march in Moscow's celebration commemorating the 31st anniversary of the October Revolution. In the background are large posters of Lenin and Stalin.



THEME GIRL—New York model Pat Steckman has been named Orange Bowl Festival Theme Girl for the New Year carnival at Miami, Florida.



A WOMAN'S TOUCH—Rita Long, one of Cuba's outstanding young sculptors, touches up a figure she is working on outside a building near the Prado Promenade in Havana. She is the only woman sculptor in Cuba to receive commissions for public works.



GHOST TOWN—Movie actress Carol Mathews takes a day off from her work in Hollywood to visit nearby Knott's Berry Farm. Here she is inspecting a noose on a hangman's tree that served justice in the old mining days. The deserted town dates back to gold rush days of 1849.



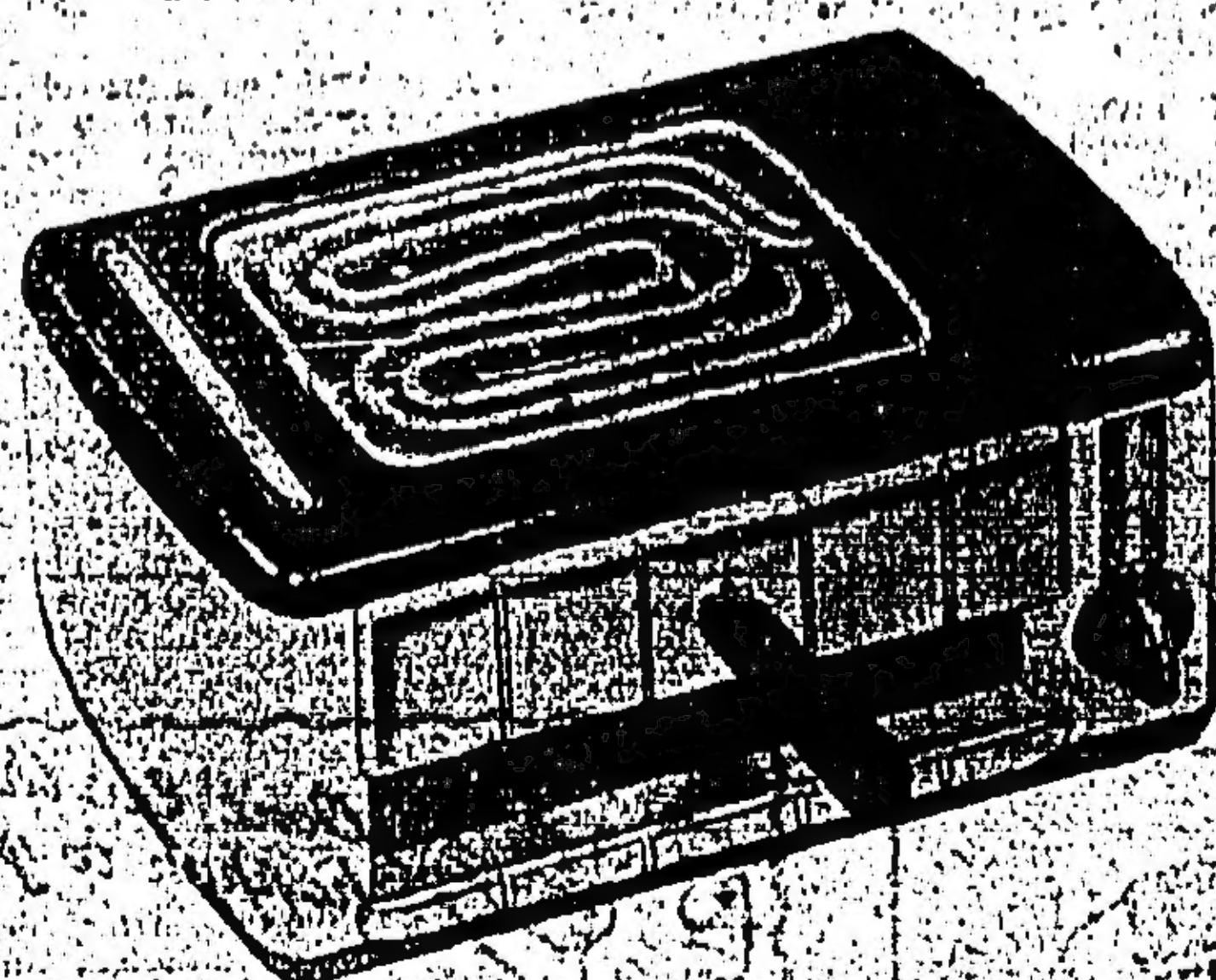
FRESH SUPPLIES—Coast Guardsmen unload food stocks, fuel and mail at Loran Station on Attu Island. Terrain of this character makes tasks a bit difficult for men stationed in the Aleutian Islands and for the hardy Bering Sea patrols which are maintained by this active peacetime U.S. service unit.



AFTERMATH OF EXPLOSION—Firemen and railway workers watch 30 cars of a 100-car freight train burn in Fritsdale, Alabama, after a derailment. The wreck resulted in cars containing gasoline and butane exploding; the flames spreading to the other cars. Two of the crew were injured.

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HOMEMADE PLANE—Bert Dudek is shown at the wheel of the plane he is building in the basement of his Cleveland home. When completed, he promises it will be a faithful replica of a famous biplane used in 1911 by America's first stunt flier. The machine is so constructed that it can be dismantled and re-assembled in very little time. Experts looking over the job claim Dudek has done a fine piece of work.

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Political Propaganda In Hongkong Schools Will Not Be Tolerated Says The Governor

Non-tolerance by the Hongkong Government of political propaganda in school was stressed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at the opening of the new premises of the Tak Ching Middle School in Un Chau Street this morning.

"Fruitful" ECAFE Conference

DELEGATES' PRESS INTERVIEW

The conference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, held recently in Sydney, was "quite fruitful," and the public must not be disappointed that no concrete action had resulted, Dr C. M. Li, head of the Chinese delegation to the conference, told the Telegraph this morning.

Dr Li explained that the Commission, like other United Nations agencies, had no operational funds, and could only initiate measures for the consideration of member governments.

In a joint interview with Dr the Hon S. N. Chau, leader of the Hongkong delegation, he said that even though the problems which arose at the conference mainly affected member countries, Hongkong was concerned as a shipping centre and would share in any benefits which resulted from the discussions.

The four main problems before the conference were:

1. Industrial development.
2. Food and agriculture.
3. Trade promotion.
4. Technical training.

The first of these, industrial expansion, was by far the most important, said Dr Li, and a plan had been drawn up which would be considered by the governments affected during the next two months.

TO COST \$14 BILLION

The plan estimated that to develop industry in the Far East during the next three to five years would cost US\$14 billion, and the industrial committee would meet again, probably in Singapore in February, to get the views of member governments on how that money could be raised.

Another important measure at the conference, said Dr Li, was the setting up of a Bureau of Flood Control, and the UN Assembly had set aside US\$100,000 for its activities during 1949.

Dr Li denied news agency reports of an Asiatic bloc appearing at the conference to force the entry of the Indonesian Republic and "the rest of Indonesia" to the Commission.

The Indonesian Republic's application, he said, was sponsored by New Zealand.

Dr Chau said that he had put forward views on several matters which affected Hongkong, and would be submitting a report to Government within a week.

Most of the points raised at the conference, however, did not affect the Colony to the same extent as other countries.

Invaders Engaged

Guatemala City, Dec. 14.—An official Government bulletin broadcast today by Costa Rican radio stations said Government troops had engaged the invaders and taken prisoners, among whom were members of the Nicaraguan National Guard.—Reuter.

In the course of his speech, His Excellency said: With the great demand for education that exists in Hongkong today, and the inadequate number of schools, unscrupulous persons have taken advantage of the situation, and it has been found that some private schools are little better than "rackets," run for the personal profit of the owners. Their fees have fairly recently been levelled down by the Department of Education, which has corrected the evil to some extent.

"There are those, and to my mind they are the most evil, who wish to use schools as a means of propaganda and poison the minds of their young pupils with their particular political dogma or creed. This we know is what happened in the schools of Fascist states and is now happening in Communist-dominated countries. This deforming and twisting of the youthful mind is most wicked and the Hongkong Government will tolerate no political propaganda in schools.

"The curriculum we have laid down for all schools in Hongkong has, as its aim, education in the broadest sense. The young mind is therefore developed naturally and healthily, so that when the youngster grows up and takes his place in the world, he is fitted to choose what political creed he likes. With the kind of training he receives in such a school as this, I am sure he will not make a wrong choice of his political philosophy."

His Excellency also expressed his unbounded admiration for the Sisters of the Precious Blood Society, who, with no help from the Government put up the new building and equipment at a total cost of nearly half a million dollars.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

The formal opening of the new premises by the Governor, coincided with the 25th Anniversary of the School and its Annual Speech Day.

The band of the Aberdeen Industrial School welcomed the arrival of His Excellency who was presented with a pair of golden scissors after he had cut the ribbons.

His Excellency was then taken round the building accompanied by Mr T. R. Rowell, the Director of Education, and Mrs Rowell, Mr L. G. Morgan of the Education Department, Sister Joyce Chen, the Headmistress of the School, members of the School Committee and many dignitaries of the Catholic Church.

In all the class-rooms there were displays of work by the students which showed a wealth of talent in almost every field. The four-storey building was crisscrossed in its equipment, including a well-stocked laboratory.

After a speech of welcome by Mr Chow Cham-kuang, His Excellency distributed certificates to the graduation class.

Feodori Vian-General of the diocese presented prizes to pupils of the other classes in the absence of Bishop Valtorta.

After School songs and a speech by a graduate and another by Fr F. Shank, the parish priest, His Excellency and other guests were entertained to tea and a theatrical performance.

MAIDEN VOYAGE

London, Dec. 14.—The new Orient liner Orcaades of 28,000 tons, left Tilbury tonight on her maiden voyage to Australia.

She replaces another ship of that name which was sunk by a German submarine in October 1942 one day after leaving Capetown.

Forty-eight lives were lost in the original Orcaades.—Reuter.

Hit-Run Raid On Strikebound Plants



A motor caravan invaded Kalamazoo, Mich., burst into two strikebound plants of the Shakespear Companies, smashed equipment and then fled after injuring several workmen and overturning a dozen automobiles.—AP Picture.

BOT Corruption Inquiry

MR DALTON IN WITNESS BOX

Offered Big Job By Stanley

London, Dec. 14.—The former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Dalton, told the London Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles today that Sidney Stanley, Stateless alien and key figure in the inquiry, had followed him into the street at their first meeting and offered him a post in a big business concern.

Mr Dalton, now a Cabinet Minister as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said that he had met Stanley four times in all.

The first meeting was at a dinner given for George Gibson, a Director of the nationalised Bank of England. It took place after Mr Dalton had resigned as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

When he was leaving the dinner, Stanley came after him and said that now he was no longer a member of the Government. "We would like you to join us in the Great Universal Stores."

(The £30,000,000 Great Universal Stores group, controlled by the millionaire Isaac Wolfson, has hundreds of branches in Britain and abroad.)

VISITED FLAT

Mr Dalton said that he later visited Stanley's luxury flat in London's West End and again was asked if he would join the firm's board. He understood Stanley was either a Director of the company or a prominent executive.

Stanley said: "You need only attend one meeting a month and in return for this there would be a substantial fee."

Mr Dalton could not remember any figure being mentioned, but in any case he told Stanley that such an arrangement was not desirable from his point of view.

Stanley then said that the Great Universal Stores was building factories in development areas—since Mr Dalton had been concerned with development areas throughout his public life this reference persuaded him to see Mr Wolfson, the Great Universal Stores' boss.

NOTHING SAID

An interview took place eventually with Wolfson. Stanley was present. Wolfson gave a long and interesting account of the growth and development of the Great Universal Stores.

But nothing was said about the possibility of Mr Dalton joining the Board.

Mr Dalton said that there was not the slightest truth in the evidence given by Stanley that "he had gone to seek a Directorship, but Wolfson would not have him."

Mr Dalton said that he had formed the view that Stanley was a contact man of low repute and he wished to have nothing more to do with him. For one thing, he could produce only a taxi when he had promised to turn up in a car, and during the interview Wolfson had treated Stanley with very slight respect.

Stanley had made two further attempts to see him. Mr Dalton said that he wrote a "very curt" letter to him and if it had been addressed "Dear Stan" he had certainly not meant it that way, and it must have been a mistake by his secretary.

He agreed that neither Stanley nor anybody else had ever approached him to misuse his powers, either as a Member of Parliament or of the Government.

INTRODUCED HIMSELF

Isaac Wolfson said that Stanley had introduced himself to him at a dinner in 1947 with the words "You don't know me, but I know you."

Later, Stanley came to see him several times with schemes for big business deals. He had paid Stanley £1,000 for services and expenses in connection with these deals.

Earlier today, Mr Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that he had been introduced to Stanley by Mr Gibson, latter, one of his assistants, told him that Stanley and his wife had visited the Treasury, saying they wanted dollars for a business trip to the United States, and that "Glenvil knew all about it."

There was no truth in this, Mr Hall said, and he told his staff immediately to be careful of Stanley. He also warned Mr John Bel-

cher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade and key figure in the enquiry, to be on his guard. Mr Belcher replied: "Oh, yes, I know a good deal about Stanley. There is no need to warn me."

The Tribunal then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

London, Dec. 14.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, has accepted the resignation of Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, whose conduct is being investigated by a special Tribunal. It was officially announced tonight.

In a letter accepting Mr Belcher's resignation, Mr Attlee said: "I am certain that you have taken the right course in offering to resign your office. I greatly regret the circumstances which have made it necessary for you to do this and for me to accept your resignation, but you will not, I am sure, expect me at the present time to comment on the contents of your letter."

Mr Belcher, in his communication to the Prime Minister, repeated his earlier denial that he had been "influenced in any way by any gift or by any promise."

Mr Belcher concluded saying: "I cannot fully express the regret that I feel that indications of mine should have done harm to the party to which I have been so proud to belong and whose interests I hope to serve in the future."—Reuter.

RECORD OUTPUT OF COAL

London, Dec. 14.—Britain's mines showed last week a record output of 4,405,500 tons of coal—the highest since the "invasion crisis" of 1940, when workers made efforts to beat the effects of the Dunkirk evacuation.

Production in the first 49 weeks of this year is over five percent more than the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

U.S. WOMAN ON MURDER CHARGE

(Continued from Page 1)

They said they heard a series of shots and found the Sergeant wounded. He died 10 days later. They have not stated the nature of the quarrel. Prosecuting attorney Hugh L. Hinchliffe gave no hint of motive in his statement today. He said he would prove the charge of murder "beyond any doubt."

Mrs. Harbo's only public statement was from her lawyers who said she "did only what any decent New England woman would have done."

They are expected to plead self defence for her. Most of the spectators were American women who have followed the case avidly.—Associated Press.

Radio Hongkong

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EUROPEAN BOXING CHAMPIONS NOT KEEN ON DEFENDING TITLES

By BILL MACKLIN

London, Dec. 14.—A European boxing title is worth 2,000 pounds (\$8,000) and up per defence, but Briton Bruce Woodcock isn't earning much with his heavyweight crown.

He hasn't defended it since March 15, 1947 when Frenchman Stephan Olek lost a 15-round challenge on points.

Nor is there any prospect that Bruce, busy fighting Americans, will put the valuable property on the line this year or early next.

Twenty months is too long to keep such a potentially profitable crown out of circulation, a remark that will no doubt find support with the likes of Olek, Hansberg of Sweden and to Weidman of Austria. Both have been challenging Woodcock with dismal results.

WORST OFFENDER
It is a good thing for the fight profession that Bruce is the worst offender against the rule—obviously enforced by the European boxing union—that a champion must defend at least every six months.

Yet he isn't the only one to put a title in moth balls. His countryman, Freddie Mills, the world light-heavyweight champion, last defended his European light-heavyweight crown against Spain's Pacheco, Buenos Aires, Feb. 17. That's nearly ten months to save you counting on your fingers, too. When Mills returned from South Africa, where he kayaked heavy-



WITH AMERICAN BOXING WRITERS

Cerdan Rides Wave Of Popularity

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Dec. 14.—New York boxing writers, forced by circumstances to give their undivided attention to Marcel Cerdan of Morocco, are saying nice things about a foreign boxer for the first time in years.

When Cerdan was in the USA on two previous trips, he drew only casual attention despite his string of victories.

Cerdan, boxing such run-of-the-mill men as Harold Green and Anton Radnik, was competing with such matches as the Louis-Walcott and Fox-LaMotta fights for the writers' interest.

And when Marcel refused proffered matches with LaMotta, Steve Belloise and Felix Meade, he lost much of the writers' respect.

But Marcel regained prestige with his knockout of Laverne Roach, and his Sept. 21 date with Tony Laury for the world middleweight title finally made him big news for the New York writers, since Zale did most of his training in Chicago.

What the writers saw amazed them.

REMARKABLE PUGILIST
"Cerdan is one of the most remarkable pugilists I ever met," wrote sports editor Jimmy Powers of the New York Daily News.

"He has an unusual training routine, and the proper word to describe him is 'bouncy.' Cerdan looks trim, and he has an excellent chance to beat Zale if he moves as fast in the ring as in training."

"I am impressed by Cerdan's spirit, his speed and foot, rapid punching and ring savvy."

Powers noted happily that "Marcel is no Olek Tandberg, fainting Phil Scott or clumsy Bruce Woodcock."

Levi Burton of the Journal-American was just as interested in Cerdan.

"Marcel has the gift of relaxation at will," Burton wrote. "He takes adulation in stride, but he is serious about the championship fight."

GETS ALONG WELL
"Marcel's a wonderful person," said Bob Evans, owner of the Evans Hotel where Cerdan trains.

"He appreciates everything that is done for him—he profusely thanked the chef for special butter croissants and he gets along perfectly with the kids here."

As in Paris, Cerdan is popular with the women, too. They like his dark curly hair, his smile and his friendliness.

But since he speaks very little English, and few of the girls at the hotel speak French the admiration is done from afar.

That doesn't sound like a warrior bent on defending his European championship right away.

TOWN TITLES
Mills' problem in holding two titles is that he can't defend the minor one without risking the world crown.

If he fights 15 rounds, at the prescribed weight, all titles that his opponent is eligible to win must be at stake.

His predicament is exactly that which once faced Marcel Cerdan.

The idol of Paris possessed both the European and world middleweight titles for a few hours in September.

Marcel acknowledged that a boxer can't play two fiddles simultaneously and shed the European "one-toute suite."

This generous, spontaneous gesture kept the European title in action. Luc van Dam of Holland and Cyril Deane of Belgium fought for the vacant honour on Nov. 6 and the Belgian won on points.

VILLEMANN GIVES UP
Robert Villemann of France has relinquished his welterweight championship after riding his oats several months.

He last defended the European title on Dec. 17, 1947. Bob grew into a middleweight and moved to New York.

Meanwhile, the European boxing union is deciding who will meet for the vacated title.

The little guys don't cause nearly so much trouble.

Ray Famechon of France, featherweight king, is the only one over due for a defence. He won his title on March 22 from England's Ronnie Clayton.

Ray may make a defence late this month against Jean Muehlbeck of Belgium.

The other three champions risked their titles in the past six months. Lightweight titlist Billy Thompson of England drew with Pierre Montane of France on July 26. Italian bantamweight champ Guido Ferracini repulsed Peter Kane of England on July 16 and Maurice Sanderson of France retained his flyweight title by outpointing Dickie O'Sullivan of London.

The continent that spawned such boxers as Max Schmeling and George Carpentier in its heyday is proud of its European titles.

LOGICAL CONTENDER
"We feel that a European champion has every right to be a logical contender for the world title," is the oft-spoken philosophy of Jack Solomons, London promoter.

European title fights top his bills often and he pays champions three times the purse accorded challengers.

An estimated minimum check for a champion to defend in London would be £2,000 (\$8,000) and it could mount to treble that.

HKFA DECISION

Players To Be Numbered

It was decided at the Hongkong Football Association Council meeting yesterday that as from January 1, all football players' jerseys should be numbered from two to eleven. Mr. Wong Ka-tsun was in the chair.

It was stated that the second round of the Governor's Cup competition between HKFA and CNAAF will be played at Caroline Hill on January 10.

Regarding the application of South China A.A. and the Services to run a charity competition called the Sir Man-kam Le Cup Competition, it was decided that the matter would be reconsidered because according to the Association rules, no cup competition should be known by the name of an individual.

As a result of a letter from the Chinese Athletic Association, concerning a referee, Capt. Stone, who sent a wrong player out of the game eight minutes before the conclusion of the match against the Club on December 5, the referee had written to apologise to the CAA for the mistake.

It was decided that the result of the game should remain unchanged, and not be replayed.

The resolution that referees refusing three consecutive appointments without sufficient cause or reason should be struck off the registered list, was carried at yesterday's meeting.

It was also decided that all lineemen should have watches which should be synchronised with that of the referee before the kick-off.

The following was the draw for the second round of the Challenge Shield Competition: First Division: Club v. Police; Kitchener v. Eastern; SCAA v. SCAA; Army v. St. Joseph's; Second Division: Motor Bus v. Club or Navy; CAA v. South China; Tramways v. Solicitors; Taikee v. Dockyard.

Cricket Teams
For their Second Division Cricket League match against the Royal Navy on the Navy ground, King's Park, next Saturday, the KCC will be represented by:

S. A. Gray (capt), V. C. Bond, E. A. Hancock, V. H. White, E. Randall, D. G. White, W. Davidson, R. Leigh, H. Matthews, S. C. Trueman and G. R. Rossett, 12th man, A. V. White.

Match starts at 1.45 p.m.

IRC 2ND XI
The following have been selected to represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in a league cricket match against Recreation at King's Park on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—A. H. Baker, L. Ali, S. Abou, T. A. Bhatia, S. K. Khan, M. A. Wahab, S. R. A. Wahab, J. A. K. Markar, Y. Motiwala, A. R. Razack, E. Ibrahim. Twelfth man, M. Samy; scorer, G. G. Barma.

YALE CAPTAIN



Levi Jackson (above), Yale's star halfback, has been unanimously elected 1949 football captain by the Yale squad at New Haven, Conn.

Jackson, a native of New Haven, is the first negro sports captain in Yale's history.—AP Wirephoto.

CROSS COUNTRY

Home Countries Get Into Stride

London, Dec. 14.—The cross-country running season in Britain is now getting well into its stride, and there are indications that all four Home countries are intensifying their efforts to break the postwar continental stranglehold on the international championship, won last April by Belgium.

The fact that the next international is to be staged on the Ballydoole racecourse, Dublin, on March 20, has stimulated interest in cross-country running in Eire.

John Barry, the fair-haired Irish middle distance track champion, may be in the team. If he runs, he should have a good chance of emulating the feat of Tim Smythe, who in Dublin in 1931 became the only Irishman to win the individual title in the international.

England has problems. One is the present position of two of its foremost runners, E. R. Downer and Red Gooney. They recently moved from the Castles (Hampshire) Club to Southampton, and under the rules will not be allowed to represent the new club in team competitions for 14 months after the changeover.

It will still be possible, depending on the way their entries are made for them to compete as individuals in the English championships, on the one hand, and the team for the international is customarily chosen.—Reuter.

French Athletes To Tour Indo-China
Paris, Dec. 14.—Four French athletes who were in the Indo-China Games are to compete in athletic meetings in Indo-China between January 10 and February 15.

The French Athletic Federation, today granted permission to Rene Valmy, Francis Schwetta, Jean Vernier and Ignace Heinrich to make the trip.

Details of the tour are not yet decided as arrangements, said the Federation, have only so far been made by cable.

The quartet will leave Paris by air on January 10, for Saigon.—Reuter.

TABLE TENNIS
The Singapore touring table tennis squad suffered their third setback yesterday when they lost to the Yaumatei School Old Boys by 1-4 at the Chinese "Y."

Leo Peng pulled the biggest upset by eliminating hitherto unbeaten Loo Kum-soon, Singapore's ace player in straight sets 21-18, 21-17.

Results were as follows: Chun Kim-herne (Singapore) lost to Chung Chin-sing 21-11, 21-23, 16-21; Loo Kum-soon lost to Leo Peng 18-21, 17-21; Chun Poh-ying lost to Wu Wen-long 16-21, 17-21; Lye Ying-hon lost to Chung Heng-kuan 21-17, 16-21, 15-21; Chan Fook-keo beat Chung Heng-cheow 21-18, 21-18.

The visitors will invade Macao today, where they will play a series of matches before returning to the Colony for another round of games. They are expected to be back here on December 18.

Hockey Fixtures
The following are the Hongkong Hockey Association fixtures:

Sunday
University v. Navy, King's Park 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: Capt. H. J. Chantrell, P. P. Xavier.

Civil Service v. Khalsa, King's Park 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: C. J. Merritt, E. R. A. Miller.

H.K. Police v. Dockyard R.C. King's Park 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: Yeo Siga Gater, Mahan Singh.

Army v. YMCA, Bookpoo, 10 a.m.; Umpires: B. Greville, E. D. Shaw.

All umpires are requested to confirm their places by 12.15 before 3 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify results of matches by phone as soon as possible after the match.

Citation Injured
Arcadia, California, Dec. 14.—The crack United States 3-year-old, Citation, winner of the triple crown this season, has been injured, according to a statement issued today by the Santa Anita Racecourse.

Citation had been entered for several of the big events in the Santa Anita calendar.—Reuter.

BASEBALL

Major Leagues Play On The Signal

New York, Dec. 14.—There's more to a baseball game than throwing, hitting and catching the ball. Many times it's just as important to catch a signal as to catch the ball, for a missed signal can have the same result as a missed third strike.

When the writers talk about "hustling" baseball clubs, they mean a club which tries hard all the time in every department—it runs out all grounders and fly balls, it gallops desperately for every popfly foul which may be caught, and it plays alert "inside" baseball.

"Inside" baseball is the part of the game the fans can look at but not see. It's the fast signals which set up the steals and the hit-and-runs and the cutoffs and the pick-offs.

Rarely are these moves just something which occur to the player at random. They are ordered by the manager or by a field leader, and those orders are transmitted and acknowledged before the venture starts.

For instance, an attempt to pick a runner off second usually is ordered by the catcher, who is facing the diamond, the runner and his pitcher and shortstop.

BARED TEETH
For most teams the signal is for the catcher to bare his teeth. The pitcher and shortstop both should be watching the catcher and should get the signal at the same time.

Both count to three, and at "three" the shortstop is there and it is a good throw, the runner is caught; if not, the ball goes into centre field.

Cleveland's Indians use this system, and it resulted in a bitterly-disputed play in the first game of the World Series with the Boston Braves.

Cleveland manager and shortstop Lou Boudreau claimed he tagged out runner Phil Masi in such a pickoff, but the umpire ruled it safe, and Masi later scored the winning run in a 1 to 0 game.

HIT-AND-RUN
The hit-and-run signal comes from the manager to the baseline coaches, who signal both batter and runner, each of whom should acknowledge the signal.

Sometimes the coaches' signal is to rub hands, or to tug at the belt, or a hand across the letters of the uniform.

Most generally used acknowledgment is for the runner or batter to tug his cap, but some teams feel that's too well known and use another action, such as kneeling dirt from the spikes with the bat.

Once the Chicago White Sox use an "eye" signal for a hit-and-run. Any action involving the eyes, such as rubbing it, meant the batter intended to hit the next pitch.

One day Lou Spilling, working the theory of the purloined letter in which the best concealment is open display, called time out and asked the umpire to get something out of his eye. Then Duke hit the next pitch to right field for a single and the runner scored.

ORAL SIGNALS
The St. Louis Browns used many oral signals this year. They varied with the players, but one of the most effective was the "one" involving John Lester Moss.

If the coach wanted Moss to let the next pitch go past, he yelled "come on, Johnny, hit it." If he wanted Moss to swing, he yelled, "come on, Leo, hit it."

Sometimes the signal, all of which are common actions, almost fool the players who should obey them.

In a game this year with the Chicago Cubs, Brooklyn got young Gene Hermanski to third base. Gene is a fast runner, and with a weak batter at the plate the "steal home" sign was flashed.

GREEN LIGHT
Hermanski acknowledged, and waited for the second part of the sign—the actual green light to run. This was to be given by the third base coach Jack Pitter, who was merely to turn his back.

Twice Pitter sent Hermanski on false braes to try to rattle Cub pitcher Hank Borow, who has a slight hesitation in his motion, which make him good material for an attempted steal.

Then Pitter gave the sign, Hermanski hesitated a second, then ran. He was safe in close play, and proved to be the winning run.

Later Hermanski explained the slowness in starting. "I thought Jack had lost interest in the game and was seeing something interesting in the stands."

OFTEN CHANGES
Of course, the signs are changed often, and usually are agreed upon by the team just before each game.

The catcher's signals to the pitcher are standard—on finger is a fast ball, two fingers a curve and three fingers a change of pace. But the pitcher's signals to the catcher are decided before the game, whether the first sign is for a fast ball, a curve, and the pitcher can change that with another sign during the game.

It is seems that the opposition has caught the code.—United Press.

Jimmy Dykes Back In Major League

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Jimmy Dykes, former manager of Chicago White Sox, returned to the Major Leagues today when he accepted a job as first base coach for his old boss, Connie Mack, of Philadelphia Athletics.

The announcement that Dykes had been signed constituted a major item of importance on the baseball front although several clubs were about to complete deals of one kind or another.

Dykes was fired in the mid-season last summer as manager of the Philadelphia Club of the Pacific Coast League.

Yankies, who had been threatening to close a deal with Chicago White Sox for more than a week, were expected to announce today that first baseman Bud Souchock is being exchanged for outfielder Jim Delmonico who played last season with Hollywood.

Also involving the White Sox was the expected sale of veteran catcher Mike Tresh to the world champions, Cleveland Indians.—United Press.

GOLF
Starting Times At Fanling
The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for the over and under forty-fives at Fanling on Sunday are as under with over forty-fives mentioned first:

Old Course
9.20 a.m. A. E. Lisman v. G. G. D. Carter; 9.25 a.m. W. H. Nelloth v. G. G. D. Carter; 9.30 a.m. E. Bathurst v. D. S. Robb; 9.35 a.m. N. C. C. Marsh v. D. A. Davies; 9.40 a.m. K. B. Bathurst v. E. S. G. Brown; 9.45 a.m. M. G. D. v. S. G. Brown; 9.50 a.m. H. T. Suen v. N. A. Brown; 9.55 a.m. H. T. Suen v. N. A. Brown; 10.00 a.m. M. G. D. v. S. G. Brown; 10.05 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.10 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.15 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.20 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.25 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.30 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.35 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.40 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.45 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.50 a.m. W. O. Davies; 10.55 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.00 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.05 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.10 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.15 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.20 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.25 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.30 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.35 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.40 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.45 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.50 a.m. W. O. Davies; 11.55 a.m. W. O. Davies; 12.00 p.m. W. O. Davies; 12.05 p.m. W. O. Davies; 12.10 p.m. W. O. 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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Smart Strategy Sets This Hand

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

ONE of the things that we all enjoy in a bridge game is the strategy in planning that goes into it. Today's hand was played some time ago with Gen. Robert J. Gill, of Baltimore, Md. The strategy employed by the declarer was very clever, but the general, who handled German war prisoners during the war and later was assistant to the U. S. Chief Justice at the Nuremberg trials, is familiar with strategy himself. His attack in this hand was well timed.

Declarer won the opening lead of the spade deuce in dummy with the ace and immediately took three rounds of trumps. Now the question was, did the general have a six or seven card club suit? If he had a six card club suit and three diamonds (South was quite certain that the opening lead of the deuce

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South West North East

Pass 3 4 Double

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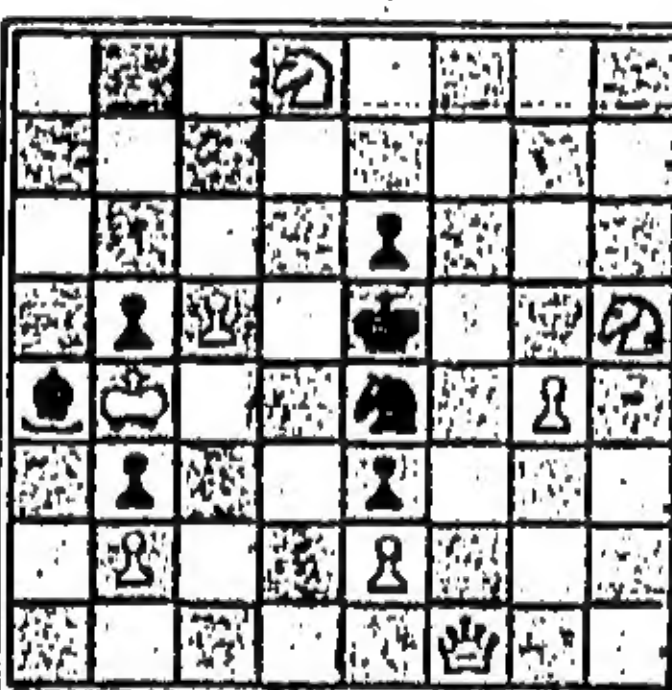
of spades was a singleton), it did not look as if declarer had any chance to make the contract. If he could find the general with seven card club suit and just the king and one diamond, he could see a way to make the hand.

At this point declarer cashed the ace of clubs, then the ace of diamonds. He was hoping that the general would have to win the second diamond with the king. He could cash a high club, but he would have nothing but clubs left and would have to lead one which declarer could trump in dummy and discard a loser from his own hand. Thus South would lose only two diamonds and a club.

However, the general was on his toes and when declarer led the ace of diamonds, he quickly dropped his king. Now, when the second diamond was led, East won, cashed another diamond and the jack of clubs, then led the queen of spades; and declarer still had to lose a spade trick.

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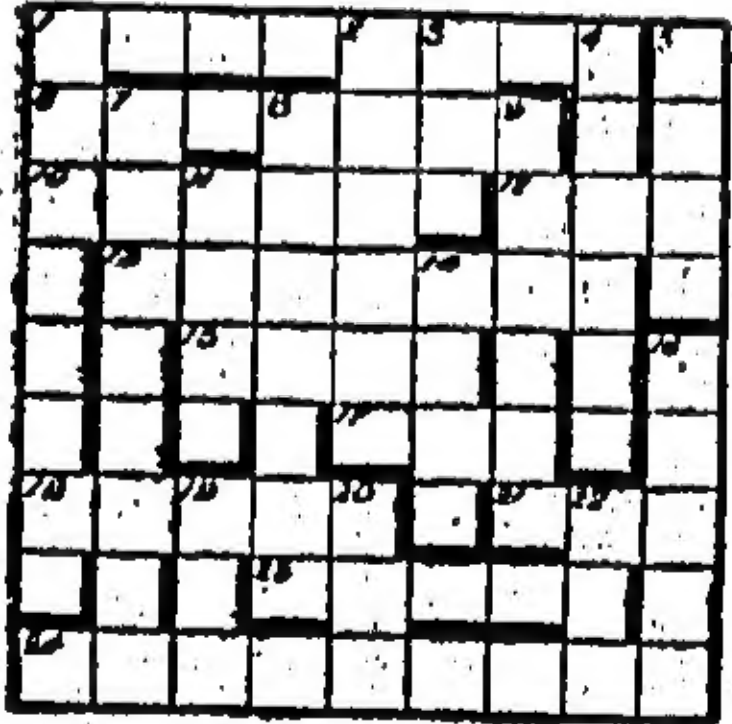
By S. F. E. FLATMAN.
Black, 7 pieces.



White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-Q5, any; 2. Q. R, or Kt mate.

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DUMB BELLS



Check Your Knowledge

1. What does pro rata mean?
2. Who discovered vaccine for smallpox?
3. Name the first ship to cross the Atlantic Ocean under steam propulsion.
4. For what was the material called tweed named?
5. Which is more important to the cooling of the body, wind or temperature?
6. Name the largest span-bridge ever built.

(Answers on Column 5)

BOYS AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pixie O'Scowl's Tuesday Coat

—It Was a Sunday Coat to Wear Tuesday—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting on the garden wall when they heard a voice saying: "Be careful how you use those scissors, McSnooze! Do you want to cut your fingers off?" "Ouch!" cried another voice. "There, you see! You've gone and done it! I told you to be careful!" Knarf and Hanid recognised the voices of Pixie O'Scowl and Pixie McSnooze. They wondered what Pixie McSnooze was doing with a pair of scissors, and they were alarmed that he had just cut himself. The voices seemed to come from behind the blackberry-bush. Knarf and Hanid hurriedly climbed down the garden wall to investigate.

Curious Work

A few minutes later, they came on the two Pixies, standing under the blackberry bush. Some curious work was going on. Spread out on a flat white stone was a piece of cloth about as big as a handkerchief. Pixie McSnooze had already started cutting it into the shape of a coat, for even at a quick glance Knarf and Hanid could make out the shape of a sleeve and a pocket. At this moment, however, Pixie O'Scowl was jumping up and down, shaking his finger in the air and squealing: "I've cut my finger off!"

Meanwhile Pixie O'Scowl was picking up the scissors. To long pain made out of two sharp blades of grass held together with a thorn) which had fallen to the ground, and was saying: "Nonsense, McSnooze! You haven't cut your finger off at all! You've still got ten of them!"

Rupert and Margot—17



Rupert is so puzzled at the strange, solitary, little house that he goes outside and stares at it carefully all round. Then he gives a shout and Margot runs to join him. "I say," he cries, "the back of the house is quite plain. There's no point on it and, look! there's a big catch up there. If you move the whole wall would come away. That makes a more and more like a doll's house." "But it just can't be!" says Margot. "It's far too big for that!"

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THE KREMLIN UNMASKED BY A CORRESPONDENT

INQUEST ON AN ALLY
By Paul Winterton
(Cresset Press, 12/6)

IF, after all the wrangling round conference tables and evidence of the mounting Communist offensive in Europe and Asia, you are still in doubt what Russia's postwar policy amounts to, then consult Paul Winterton. For most of the past 20 years he has been in the Soviet Union and from 1942 to 1945 he was News-Chronicle correspondent in Moscow.

In a sardonic spirit he has dedicated his indictment of Russian aspirations to "Moscow Radio" without whose help this book would not have been written.

Almost exclusively, his catalogue of the words and deeds levelled by the Kremlin's publicists and statesmen against their wartime allies is composed of quotations from the utterances of Moscow's broadcasters and the Soviet newspaper writers. Hostility of the Politburo to our way of life, censure of satellite states, Soviet opposition to the United Nations and the Atomic Commission and attempts to wreck the Marshall Plan for Europe's economic recovery—in no uncertain terms these and more are analysed and interpreted.

The crude viewpoint of Communist doctrine on the British

Empire is summed up by Winterton as follows: "The British Empire, going the way of all empires, had reached the point where it no longer had the power to hold down its conquests; now, therefore, was the time for the victors to gather. Communism would soon tear flesh off the old bones."

SAINT JOAN OF ARC
By Victoria Sackville-West
(Michael Joseph, 12/6)

Of all the subjects for a biography, St. Joan is perhaps the most puzzling as well as one of the most beloved figures in history. How did it come about that the saviour of France was betrayed by her own countrymen and burned at the stake as a heretic?

Miss Sackville-West's study of the 15th century shepherd girl from the small village of Domremy, in the Moselle valley, was first published 12 years ago, and it is long past time that it was brought back into print.

In her approach to the mystery of Joan, Miss Sackville-West has gone to all the original documents and many English and French books to assemble her facts on the question of the mystic factor and the voices that led Joan to the deliverance of besieged Orleans. It is, indeed, a vivid and yet sensitive picture she has given us of the girl who left a humble home in her own suit of armour, riding her own horse and carrying a standard bearing the image of Christ, the world, two angels and the lilies of France, and armed with a lance and a small battle-axe.

UNCLE DYNAMITE

By P. G. Wodehouse
(Jenkins, 8/6)

No one has yet arrived on the fiction scene to challenge Wodehouse's monopoly of the chesty, facile, and hence he is again, as a writer, a man to be reckoned with. The preposterous characters, the ingenious plot and ruses to trick us all—they're set forth with a technique as inimitable as Jeeves of earlier Wodehouse laughter tones.

Uncle Dynamite is Sir Aylmer Bostock, who objects to his publisher including some indelicate art studies in a book of Sir Aylmer's personal reminiscences, and with the threat of a ruinous lawsuit another uncle—the perennially youthful-fifth Earl of Ickenham—and the timid Poige Twisleton must help to make it an outside spot of bother.

(Tomorrow—Recorded Music)

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

BORN today, all the qualities of the sign culminate in you, giving you a great ability for teaching. You love books and all fields of learning—not so much to cram your own brain full of facts, but rather so that you may impart knowledge to others. This ability may express itself not only in teaching, but also in lecturing, writing or programmes of social reform. Although your book-knowledge memory is outstanding, you need to cultivate accuracy when it comes to remembering names and facts. This is of the utmost importance as you are ever to seek a public career.

Having developed a highly critical sense, you must avoid falling into the error of petty fault-finding.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Nerves may be jumpy today, so cultivate a calm reasoned approach to everything. Postpone making new contracts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An unexpected, pleasurable meeting may hold high affectional, potentialities. Friendship can prove important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Look before you leap hastily into something new or even different. Don't be dismayed at unexpected happenings.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—If possible avoid making a journey. There'll be enough changes without travelling, too.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Safeguard your assets now and don't over-expand. To keep your own counsel in matters of importance is also vital.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Unfavourable for business expansion, so keep to familiar jobs. Heed the advice of almost psychic intuitions.

This applies more, perhaps, to you members of the fair sex. Don't criticise unless you can suggest something better!

Rather exacting in all detail work, you never make a chore, but merely a normal process in attaining the perfection toward which you believe each individual should strive. Fond of travel, you will want to see the world.

Unless you find someone whose intellect and cultural background is similar and compatible with your own, you cannot find true and complete happiness in marriage. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Over-ambitiousness will only bring about discord right now. Be patient and guard against a health upset.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Not a good idea to get "extravagant" desires. Be thrifty and you will, indeed, be wise just now.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Keep a strong hold on your emotions lest they influence your actions too much for your own good.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Obstacles may seem insurmountable, but if you guard your assets today, all will turn out right eventually.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Don't let hasty actions cause a personal accident nor unwise decisions instigate a business setback. Be patient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Check and double everything today. All assets, both physical and material, should be safeguarded.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE need for a new transmission technique in television tomatoes for the small sets installed in private cars was stressed by all the speakers at the Worthing Rally.

Grocers say that any modification of the tomato as now known, is bound to have an effect on the sales, as the public will be the first to detect a change in the look of what they are eating. Apparently the uncoloured tomato shown at Winchester to a delegation from India appeared on the screen as faintly yellow, and cries of "Unripe!" were heard from growers and grocers. Mrs. Medlicott intervened to point out that the tomato shown was a dummy. "Dummies in future will be red," she ended, amid applause.

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(Food Ministry advt., 1949.)

Narkover

ADDRESSING the School yesterday, Dr. Smart Allick said: "Any official control of card games makes boys think they are not being trusted. By leaving the question of private enterprise, we stimulate the competitive spirit, and that's how Drake and Hawkins and Frobiisher made England great. Nobody said to them, 'Only four slaves per raid.' Moreover, unlimited aces give self-confidence, and raise a dull game level with hampering rules to the best of an exciting contest in which the sharpest will win. One more word, boys. The proverb says: Don't wear your hearts on your sleeve, but that shouldn't prevent you from having them up your sleeve. And the same applies, without distinction of suit, to clubs, spades and diamonds."

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Proportionally.
2. Edward Jenner.
3. The Savannah, an American ship which made the crossing in 1819.
4. For a river in Scotland.
5. Wind.

Complaints Against MacArthur Agreement With Sterling Area

Tokyo, Dec. 14.—American businessmen in Japan have complained to General MacArthur's Headquarters that the recently signed trade agreement with the sterling area is unfair to United States firms. Americans say MacArthur's Headquarters have in effect "pegged the pound" at more than it is worth. They say the agreement has resulted in MacArthur's Headquarters accepting the pound at its legal rate, whereas businessmen elsewhere outside the sterling area will accept it only at its lower true value. Americans claim the agreement discriminates against dollar buyers and is "very unbusinesslike." Some expressed the opinion that they think MacArthur's negotiating officials had "one put over on them" by the sterling bloc.

TARIFF TALKS NEXT APRIL AT ANNECY

Geneva, Dec. 14.—The contracting states to the 1947 Geneva tariff agreement have chosen Anancy, France, as the site of their second series of tariff conference due to open on April 11, 1949.

The original 23 contracting states to the agreement will negotiate tariff concessions with 13 additional states which have asked to become parties to the agreement. The series of bilateral and multilateral conferences among the 36 participating nations is expected to continue for at least three months.

At the same time the contracting states will hold their third plenary session at Anancy. One of the 23 contracting states—Chile—has not yet ratified the agreement and has hitherto attended the sessions of the contracting states with observer status only. If Chile ratifies the agreement before the first meeting of the contracting states on April 8, the Chilean delegation would have full voting status.

The plenary sessions of the contracting states are held to discuss various problems arising from the agreement. The Anancy tariff negotiations, based on the most favoured nation principle, will be divided into two main plenary sessions. But any of the 13 new negotiating countries which ratify the agreement reached at Anancy will be entitled to participate in future sessions of the contracting states.

Although Geneva is the headquarters of the contracting states' secretariat, Anancy, 20 miles away across the French border, was chosen for the second plenary session. The French Government has responded to an invitation from the French Government.

Among the major problems to be dealt with by the contracting states' plenary session will be the refusal of India and Pakistan to apply the terms of the agreement to South African goods as a retaliation for South Africa's policy towards its Indian minority.

The tariff negotiations are expected to cover individual concessions on tariffs among the 36 participating countries.

The 13 newcomers to the negotiations will be Colombia, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, Greece, Haiti, Italy, Liberia, Nicaragua, Peru, Sweden and Uruguay—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

Better Feeling On Ice House St.

There was a better feeling on the share market this morning, and most issues were marked up. There is a firm undertone.

This morning's transactions, which totalled \$408,500, and noon closing prices were—

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LAND

Gen. Eichelberger On Need Of Jap Defence Corps DANGER OF COMMUNISM

Washington, Dec. 14.—Lieut-General Robert L. Eichelberger today urged the "imperative importance" of establishing a well-armed Japanese-manned defence corps for policing purposes.

He told the United Press two possible methods would be (1) to arm the present total police force of 125,000 and increase its number to 150,000 and (2) to leave the present forces as it was and to create a brand new Constabulary of up to 150,000. He said he preferred the second solution.

In an interview with the United Press, General Eichelberger said the force he envisaged under the second alternative would be a national Constabulary for international protection. He said the force should be held to a maximum of 150,000 and armed with small weapons only.

"If they are not well armed, they would be useless," he said.

He added that when he left Japan the total police force of 125,000 had only 18,000 pistols. Discussing the necessity of an armed Japanese Constabulary, General Eichelberger said, "The implications to Japan become more emphatic as the Communists sweep southward on the Asiatic mainland."

REMOVED A BARRIER

Pacing up and down the room and emphasizing his points, he said: "When the Allies whipped Japan without—and I stress without—the help of the Communists, we removed a barrier, which permitted the Communists to sweep South. The result of that removal is more important than any concessions we made to Russia at Yalta or Potsdam. When we defeated Japan, we removed the balance of power in Asia."

Although General Eichelberger did not specify what barrier he removed, he obviously meant the Japanese Kwantung Army which had occupied Manchuria.

General Eichelberger, who retired from the Army at the end of the year, said he "shudders" at the consequences should Japan succumb to the Communists after the occupying powers had withdrawn.

Asked his opinion of the Chinese situation, General Eichelberger replied: "If the Nationalist Government collapses and China goes Communist, then the second World War victory in the Pacific was no victory."

DEEPLY MOVED

He declined to comment on what might or should be done to help bolster the tottering Chinese regime. Asked to comment on reports that the United States Government had "written off" the Chinese Government, General Eichelberger replied: "I cannot comment on that subject. That is a question of national policy and I have nothing to do with national policy. I have only carried out orders."

General Eichelberger appeared deeply moved by the implications of the continued Red successes in China. He said: "I have lost my international altruism. In the Pacific we have some other friends whose interests correspond to ours. With them we should work for our common good." He named Australia, Canada and the Philippines as examples of friends.

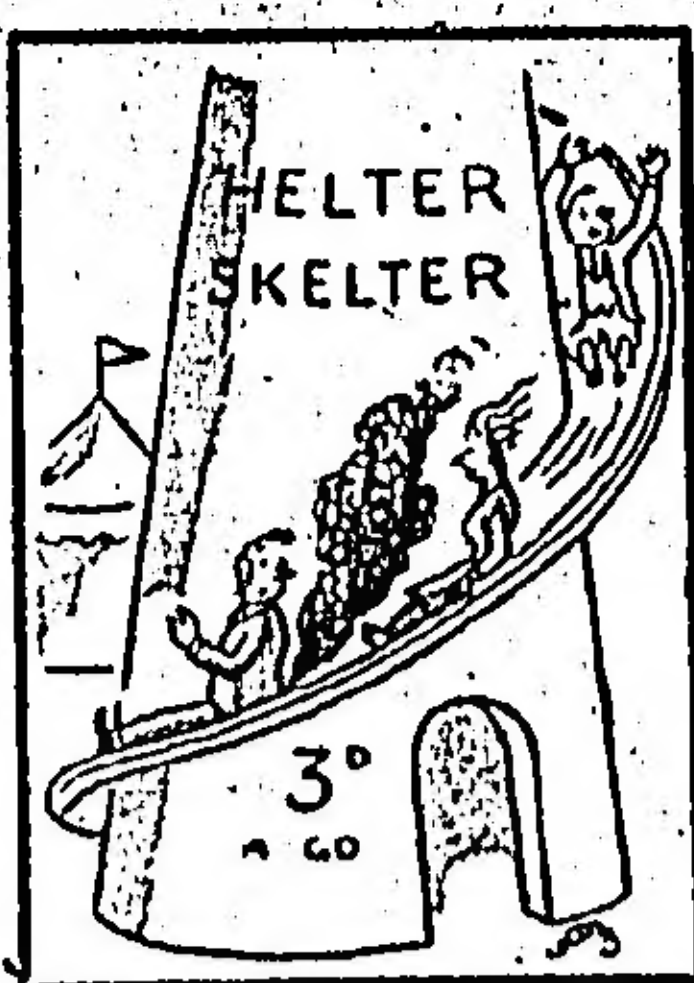
"Since we are committed to establish democracy in Japan and since we disarmed them and destroyed every weapon except their pistols, then we assumed the role of guardian with a guardian's responsibility."

He refused to discuss what a well-armed police force should be used. But he added, smilingly, "Just sit down and think a while of Japan's topography and economy and draw your own conclusions."

A GREAT PRIZE

In a speech in Chicago on October 20, General Eichelberger had told the National Safety Council, "One can appreciate what a great prize Japan would be to the Communist nations if they were permitted to gain possession. But to the United States, Canada, the Philippines and Australia it would signify the loss of World War II and potential defeat in the Pacific in any future war that might be forced upon us. I do not like to think of Japan as an ally in war, although that might well be possible. I would like, rather, to think that we have built up a great reservoir of friendship and respect, which would act as a deterrent to those who entertain no desire to fight on two fronts."—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



Mr Hoffman Was Speaking For Himself

Official Comment On China Statement

Washington, Dec. 14.—A spokesman for the U.S. State Department said on Tuesday that ECA Administrator Paul G. Hoffman was speaking for himself in suggesting American aid to China might be continued if the Chinese Communists win control there.

Mr Hoffman was quoted as saying on Monday in Shanghai that he believed aid would be continued if a new Chinese Government represented all the people and preserved Chinese freedoms.

Press officer Michael J. McDermott told reporters Mr Hoffman was speaking "very frankly on our subject and one subject only."

This, Mr McDermott said, was continuing aid to China and particularly continuing aid to abate hunger and suffering.

OUTSIDE ORBIT

Mr McDermott said Mr Hoffman, however, made it clear that political matters were outside his official orbit and that final decisions would have to be made at the White House level when specific situations arose.

The State Department, Mr McDermott said, will itself not indulge in speculation on "hypothetical possibilities."

Mr McDermott said further in response to a question that there is no reason to believe American representatives in Nanking are pressing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to form a coalition government with the Communists.

He said he believes reports that these representatives are trying to force a coalition are false.

Before he left on his current inspection trip to China, Mr Hoffman talked with Under-Secretary of State Mr Robert A. Lovett.

Mr McDermott said that what Mr Hoffman, the Economic Co-operation Administrator, had said in Shanghai was not cleared specifically with the department in advance.

STUCK HIS NECK OUT

Mr McDermott was reminded by a reporter that during the Italian election campaign last spring he had said that if Italy went Communist there would be no further economic aid from the United States. Mr McDermott's only reply was, "I did stick my neck out on that one, didn't I?"

The Chinese Nationalist Government has withdrawn all but less than \$8,000,000 from the \$125,000,000 which Congress voted for military aid to China.

The latest tabulation showed the treasury had paid out \$117,272,889 through last Friday. The total showed an increase of less than \$235,000 from the preceding week.

Mr McDermott said the United States Government's China policy remained unchanged.

He said his remarks had no bearing on the conference President Truman had last Friday with Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Mr McDermott said he did not know what the Generalissimo's wife, proposed or what she was told.

ANOTHER APPEAL

Meanwhile, the Chinese Control Yuan appealed to the United States House of Representatives' speaker, Mr Joseph Martin, for increased United States aid in China's fight against the Communists.

The message from the group, which overrules the government expenditures, was sent to Mr Martin at his office by the Chinese Ambassador, Mr Wellington Koo.

Mr Martin made no comment in making public the message which omitted any suggestions to the amount or type of aid.

The Yuan referred to the war against the Chinese Red armies as a "stupendous crusade."

"If China should unfortunately be conquered," the Yuan told Mr Martin, "the Far East will be Sovietized and so would Asia and Europe. Even the American might not be secure."—Associated Press.

Occupation Costs

London, Dec. 14.—The occupation of the British Zone of Germany cost Britain £537 million from the end of the hostilities to March 31, this year, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, said in a Parliamentary reply today.

The nominal value of British reparations receipts in the period up to the end of last July was £20,400.—Reuter.

French Taxation To Go Up By 40%

Paris, Dec. 14.—French taxpayers will be asked to pay nearly 400,000 million francs (about £377,358,490) or 40 percent more in direct and indirect taxes next year, the French Premier, M. Henri Queuille, told the Finance Commission of the National Assembly today.

The 1949 budget estimates the tax revenue at 1,250,000 million francs (about £1,179,245,293) for the ordinary budget.

In addition, a special 10 percent increase on all taxes with an extra 10 percent on the production tax, making a total of 20 percent increase on this tax, is expected to produce 135,000 million (about £127,547,170) for the reconstruction and equipment programmes.

The Premier, who is also Finance Minister, told the Commission that this record tax burden would have to be increased still further if loans totalling 100,000 million francs (about £94,339,622) to be launched next year were not fully subscribed by the end of June.

NO INDISCREET QUESTIONS

He did not reveal the full conditions attached to the new loans but indicated that subscribers would not be asked indiscreet questions about their resources.

Business circles fear that another stage of acute financial difficulties will shortly be reached. The deficit of the French balance of payments for the first 11 months of the year amounts to over 201,000 million francs (about £189,622,541). This means that only 65 percent of French imports are offset by exports.

The National Assembly is expected to begin discussing the budget on Monday.

Expenditures will include a civil expenditure of 750 milliard francs, civil reconstruction and equipment (including schools and other Government buildings) 150 milliards, military estimates 350 milliards. The expenditures will be covered by normal receipts, which will probably be increased by fiscal reform measures to simplify and tighten up the tax collection. These measures are tabled as an annex to the budget.—Reuter.

REMOVING OFFICE

Manila, Dec. 14.—The Cabinet today approved moving UNESCO East Asia Scientific Co-operation office from Nanking to Manila as requested by Dr. Julian Huxley, head of UNESCO.

The main function of this office is to co-ordinate scientific research in the Far East and serve as an information bureau of the United Nations on scientific matters.—United Press.

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Please note that our new Telephone Number will be 59123 (3 main lines) as from 15th December 1948.

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